fixed is as under:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Coal Production (in	
	Target	Actual
1985-86 . .	154.50	154.20
1986-87 . .	166.80	165.79
1987-88 . . .	183.50	179.72
1988-89 . . .	196.28	194.60
1989-90 . . .	209.50	200.89

(b) The country's coal demand in 1992-93, as assessed by the Planning Commission, is estimated at 254.50 million tonnes (excluding 5.30 million tonnes of middlings). The country's coal production target for 1992-93 has been fixed at 238.20 million tonnes. The gap, if any, between demand materialisation and production is proposed to be met by drawal from pithead stocks and in case of coking coal for steel plants by imports for blending purposes.

/ (c) Steps taken to augment coal production *inter alia* include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results and ensuring timely avilability of inputs and infrastructural facilities.

(d) and (e) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission have approved a coal production plan of 238.20 million tonnes for the country for 1992-93, the first year of the Eighth Plan. The Planning Commission have also approved an investment plan of Rs. 2282 crores for the coal sector for 1992-93.

Discontinuation of coal linkage to Gujarat Power Projects

403 SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal linkage to Gujarat power stations and industries, is going to be discontinued from the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative energy linkage will be provided to Gujarat after discontinuing linkage of coal to power stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. MYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Adequate and timely supply of coal to Power Stations

404. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state what measures are being taken by Government to ensure adequate and timely supply of coal to Power Stations of the country during the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): Supply of coal to power utilities is being given priority over all other sectors. Their coal requirements are linked with the sources of supply for each quarter of the year by Standing Linkage Committee for Power Sectors (Short Term). Supplies during the quarter are made in accordance with these linkages. The despatches are monitored on daily basis and corrective steps are taken, whenever necessary, to ensure regular supplies.

कोयला उद्योग का आंशिक रूप से निजीकरण किया जाना

405. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोयले के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकारके विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) क्या इस प्रस्तावित वृद्धि और कोयला उद्योग के आंशिक रूप से गैर-सरकारीकरण का कोई परस्पर संबंध है ;